

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

C. Please amend claims 1-6, 8, 13, 14, and 18-21 as follows:

**Amended Claims With Mark-ups to Show Changes Made**

1. (Amended) An anti-howling device in a cathode ray tube having a shadow mask and a mask holding frame, comprising:

anti-howling means having a plurality of contact members , wherein each contact member is in contact with [a] the shadow mask for receiving[, ] and dispersing a vibration, and connecting members for connecting adjacent contact members; and[, ]

fixing means [for actually bringing] configured to bring the contact members [in the anti-howling means] into contact with the shadow mask, [wherein] such that the contact members receive the vibration of the shadow mask[, to] and disperse the vibration by impact and friction between the contact members and the shadow mask.

2. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the] each contact member is spherical with a pass through hole for passing an end of [the] a connecting member.

3. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the] each contact member is cylindrical with a pass through hole for passing an end of [the] a connecting member.

4. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the] each contact member [includes;] comprises:

a contact part having a pass through hole at one side[,] ; and

a connecting part formed as a unit with the contact part[,

wherein the connecting member has a form actually identical to the contact member].

5. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the] each contact member has a ring form.

6. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 5, wherein [the] each connecting member has a ring form.

8. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fixing means is fitted to opposite ends of the [connecting member] anti-howling means.

13. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 11, wherein [the] each holding part [includes] comprises an indent fit to a profile of one of the contact [member] members in the anti-howling means.

14. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the fitting part [includes] comprises a contact hole in conformity with a lower part of one of the contact [member] members in the anti-howling means[,] for bringing [the] one of the contact [member] members into contact with the shadow mask through the contact hole.

18. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the connecting part [includes] comprises assembly holes each having a size almost the same with one of the contact [member] members and slots each connected to one of the assembly [hole] holes having a size almost the same with a diameter of one of the connecting [member] members in the anti-howling means, and [the] each holding part [includes] comprises a slot connected to one of the [slot] slots in the connecting part.

19. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the connecting part [includes] comprises a cutout at [approx.] an approximate center of an edge of the connecting part.

20. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fixing means [includes] comprises;

a guiding part for bringing the contact members in the anti-howling means into contact with the shadow mask,

a holding part for holding the connecting members in the anti-howling means, and  
a fitting part fitted to the shadow mask [having one sides of] and connected to the  
holding part and the guiding part [connected thereto].

21. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the fitting  
part is fixed to [the] a mask holding frame.